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Re: Microsoft antitrust case

Dear Attorney Hesse,

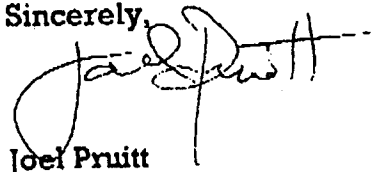
It is my understanding that the Justice Department is now taking public comments regarding the Microsoft antitrust case, and the settlement agreement that has been worked out. Let me say that I am in full support of the settlement agreement, and am opposed to continuing the case any further.

My small business like many others uses products made by Microsoft and other companies. I have always found that the industry is competitive and innovative. There is never any shortage of options or new ideas, and the competition is evident in the increased efficiency that has come along with attractive prices. It doesn't seem clear where the monopoly is; I think it looks like a lot of other companies trying to get the government to do their bidding.

What this country needs is not a bigger role for the government in picking sides in the software industry. What it needs is for Microsoft and everyone else to get back to making products, and growing the economy. Believe it or not, it really effects small construction outfits like mine.

I hope the Justice Department will stick to their proposal, and urge the Judge to accept the deal to end the court battle.

Sincerely,



Joel Pruitt